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This festive season, why it is critical to know where your flowers are coming from, how they are produced

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Floral waste accounts for '16% of river pollutants'

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The ongoing festive season has brought forth a new challenge for environmentalists and activists in Bengaluru: floral waste.

A recent survey revealed that over eight million tonnes of flowers are discarded in rivers every year for religious purposes in South Asia. Most of this waste is collected from temples and festivals; the wedding industry is the second largest generator of floral waste. Floral waste, reportedly, accounts for 16% of the total river pollutants.

Environmentalist Dr AN Yellappa Reddy explained why mass produced flowers have become harmful to the environment.

"The problem these days is that the flowers being

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Dilly-dallying over tree census continues

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At BU, safer campus promised

... by civic authorities; speed bumps, proper lighting to be in place in less than one month

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After three days of continuous protests by students at Bangalore University, measures to make the campus safer for students were approved.

An urgent meeting was held on Wednesday between Bangalore University Vice Chancellor, Bengaluru police, Traffic police, BBMP, BMTC, Bangalore University Teachers' Association, Bangalore University non-teaching staff association, and the student representatives. The civic agencies said they would ensure safety measures like speed bumps and proper illumination are in place in under one month.

"Many measures have been taken into consideration like rumbling strips at every speed bump, reinstallation of all the speed bumps in their original place, improvement of illumination on campus, installation of 150 barricades to maintain minimum speed on campus roads, installation of sensory cameras to monitor all vehicle movements and to constitute a student safety committee including both teachers and students," said Lokesh Ram, Vice-President of the BU Postgraduate and Research Scholars Union, who was present at the meeting.

KAUSHIK JN

Students protest for better safety measures on the Bangalore University Jnana Bharathi campus

The speed bumps on the campus were removed for the Prime Minister's visit back in June. Students say that accidents had become very frequent after that. Students and faculty have been appealing to BBMP to install speed breakers again.

The student representatives, however, say that these are just temporary measures.

"For a long-term solution, an alternate road facility should be provided for residents living around the campus who are not part of the university. We will bring this issue to the notice of the state government soon," Lokesh added.

Another accident

Another severe accident was reported inside the campus on Tuesday. However, the victims were not from the university.

Students reported that two riders fell while maneuvering a newly laid speed hump.

"The street lights are not functional at several places; speed bumps also not painted white. This is the fourth accident since Monday," a student told Bangalore Mirror.

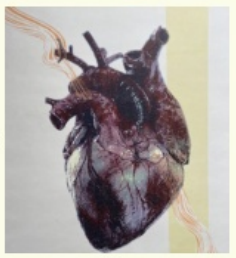
Students said that the campus is often full of miscreants who often roam around the girls' hostel, and the campus becomes very unsafe after dark as public vehicles are allowed to enter.

"Both short-term and long-term goals were discussed in the meeting.

"The short term goals like barricading and inspection of all the vehicles for drink and drive cases and other such cases will be implemented immediately. Other long-term goals might take a few months," said Kuldeep Kumar R Jain, Deputy Commissioner of Police (West), Traffic.

2 THINGS TO DO

01 White noise



A first-of-its-kind initiative and platform, White Noise by Svasa aims to showcase how art can be displayed and enjoyed in a post-pandemic world, by bringing together various multidisciplinary artists and a discerning audience. White Noise refers to a phenomenon that often helps you calm down and organise your thoughts; with a peaceful after effect - similar to the feeling you get while observing art. **Where: Svasa, Bull Temple Road When: Oct 16, 17, 12pm - 7pm; Info: 9886658018**

02 Put on an act!

Catch a one-day workshop centred around exploring street theatre at BCC (Banglore Creative Circus). This is a workshop for all theatre enthusiasts who might not have time for regular theatre endeavours. It is not mandatory to know any acting, all we expect is a great deal of enthusiasm and a voice true to yourself. All participants are expected to work on a small production and perform it by the end of the day with the help of the facilitator.
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Now, aggregator apps taking autos for a ride

After 'auto ban', Transport Department gets 163 complaints related to app aggregators

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Auto rickshaws parked on Magadi Road in Bengaluru (File photo)

The transport Department received 163 complaints on Wednesday related to app aggregators violating their order to stop auto services in Bengaluru. A senior official from the department told Bangalore Mirror, "We have been receiving a number of complaints. In fact, even auto drivers have complained against the aggregators. So, we have been asking autos not to use their attachments with the aggregators as it is illegal. The auto drivers may have to pay a penalty if they are caught."

An auto driver said, "The Transport Department should take action against cab aggregators and not auto drivers. We are merely ferrying passengers, but the real issue is with the aggregators who are fleecing the customers. For example, I had recently dropped a passenger and the fare was Rs 57. I was paid just Rs 30 by the aggregator." Another auto driver said, "All apps like Ola, Uber, and Rapido are still working, and we are getting a lot of bookings. However, I am not accepting any as I don't want to get penalised. I was told that the Transport Department may take fines up to Rs 5,000."

Meanwhile, many auto drivers are saying that it is high time for the state government to step in and create an app to help them. "I have deleted the aggregator app, but today I am out of work as people are still using the app for bookings. I cannot find people on the road who are looking for an auto. I wonder why the government or the Transport Department can't come up with an app which is transparent and helpful to both commuters as well as auto drivers. I am really surprised at the silence of the government on this issue." Many commuters are on the same page.

"Until the aggregator cab services became popular in the city, most of us were using autos. However, finding autos was difficult as we needed to either head to an auto stand or wait on the roads, waving at autos. Most of the time, the drivers refuse to take us as they are not interested in driving on certain routes where they won't get good business. Some of the drivers would ask us to pay double the amount to take us to our destination. When the app-based autos were pressed into service, the best part was that there was a pick up from home and we would know what to pay beforehand," said Shylaja S, a regular user of app-based autos. However, the issue was surge pricing.

> **"All apps like Ola, Uber, and Rapido are still working, and we are getting a lot of bookings. However, i am not accepting any as I don't want to get penalised** – Auto driver

Shylaja wants the state government to introduce an app so that all commuters get the benefit of doorstep pickups and drops, besides having a transparent way of fare fixing.

Reacting to the aggregator auto ban, Uber, in a statement, said, "We stand ready to work with the government to ensure that the benefits of e-hailing extend to the auto industry. The people of Bengaluru have made it clear that they value doorstep pickups, no haggling, and around the clock support that platforms like Uber bring."

After much prodding, tree plantation begins

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While tree plantation began in Indiranagar on Wednesday, residents of the area had been complaining about months of inaction by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). They said that despite repeated pleas, the agency was not jumping to action in 100 Feet Road and CMH Road.

In June, residents conducted a survey along with BBMP officials to identify adequate spots, types of trees, and dying trees that need pruning. With the city getting largely concretised, there are only a few spots left for water to percolate. Apart from the larger lung spaces in the city, roadside trees are one way of ensuring percolation, but limited tree plantation drives are eradicating roadside green cover. The survey identified spots in 41 locations for planting trees just along 100 Feet Road alone.

Sneha Nandihal, a resident of the area, said that several trees in the vicinity had been on their last leg. "Trees were planted in Indiranagar when the area was developed. To ensure a green cover for future generations, trees need to be planted at regular intervals. We conducted the survey and followed up with BBMP officials several times," she said.

The federation of Resident Welfare Associations, I Change Indiranagar, had also written to the BBMP Deputy Conservator of Forest in June to highlight the spots and request for expedition of tree planting. Back then, residents got permission for pruning instead, and trees ended up getting axed.

Another resident, Ashok Sarath, said, "Tree roots are covered in concrete, and in six to 12 months, they start dying. When the inner and major roads were being asphalted, we insisted on leaving spaces for tree plantation."

While no one volunteers to plant trees, officials seem eager to axe them, complained locals.

"When we tried to plant trees two years ago, a police complaint was filed against us for damaging the footpath. Even some commercial establishments are not very keen on having trees in front of their shops. If this continues, Bengaluru will turn into a desert in the coming days," added Sarath.

Range Forest Officer Shivram told Bangalore Mirror, "We were waiting for road work to be completed before taking up tree plantation."

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The streetlights on Whitefield–Hoskote Road are never switched on.

Hanging by wires

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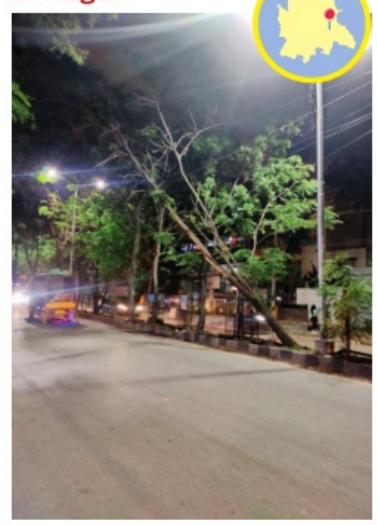

This tree in JP nagar 1st Phase is about to fall down. It is being supported by cable wires.

Blocked!

Sultanji Gunta Road

The sanitary chambers are blocked in Sultanji Gunta Road, opposite Madina masjid.

K-RERA order goof-up has homebuyer peeved

Complainant says he wrote to K-RERA; nine days later, Chairman passed order stating case 'settled'

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A city-based home-buyer has filed a complaint with the National Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission (NRDC), and alleged that the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) -- which is supposed to protect homebuyers from unfair builders' practice -- is working against the interest of homebuyers. According to him, the issue was exacerbated as the K-RERA Chairman had passed an order stating that the dispute had already been settled among the parties concerned.

Dhananjaya Padmanabhachar, the complainant, said that he had booked a flat in Mantri Serenity Apartment in 2013 with a delivery commitment of 2016 but the builder did not deliver the flat with undivided share of interest in the project.

"I filed a complaint with K-RERA in September 2020 but till August 2022, K-RERA did not pass any order on my complaint. So, I withdrew my complaint from K-RERA and filed a complaint with the National Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission (NRDC)," said Padmanabhachar.

He said that he had written to K-RERA on August 17, 2022 but he was shocked to see the order passed by K-RERA Chairman on August 26 stating the case was settled among the parties.

"This is completely false information that the RERA Chairman recorded in the order. I request the housing department secretary to initiate an investigation against K-RERA Chairman HC Kishore Chandra as per the Section 26 of RERA Act 2016 and Section 34 of RERA Rules 2017 on recording false information that will impact home buyers," he said in a complaint lodged with the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances on October 12.

As per the document available with Bangalore Mirror, Mohan Kumar, an advocate for the complainant, filed a memo for the withdrawal of the case (CMP-6511). K-RERA Chairman HC Kishore Chandra, heading Bench-4, stated that the complainant, Dhananjaya, had filed the complaint against the project Mantri Serenity-4 and prayed for delayed compensation, possession of the apartment and occupancy certificate.

> **If there is a mistake in the order, it can be rectified. He is free to complain against the order passed by me**
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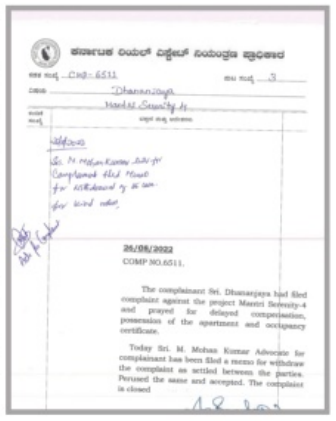
> –HC Kishore Chandra, K-RERA Chairman



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26/08/2022

COMP NO.6511.

The complainant Sri. Dhananjaya had filed complaint against the project Mantri Serenity-4 and prayed for delayed compensation, possession of the apartment and occupancy certificate.

Today Sri. M. Mohan Kumar Advocate for complainant has been filed a memo for withdraw the complaint as settled between the parties. Perused the same and accepted. The complaint is closed

26/8/2022

On August 26, K-RERA Chairman HC Kishore Chandra passed an order stating that the case was settled among the parties. The order was passed nine days after the complainant had written to the K-RERA withdrawing the complaint. The complainant had also written to the K-RERA that he had filed a complaint with the NRDC and requested the K-RERA to withdraw the complaint.

"Today, Sri M Mohan Kumar, advocate for the complainant, filed a memo to withdraw the complaint as settled between the parties... perused the same and accepted. The complaint is closed," HC Kishore Chandra had said in the order.

"How can I inform or intimate the K-RERA stating that my case is settled while it is pending with the NRDC? I lodged complaints against the builder for the delay in completing the housing project. The order is misleading and will benefit the defaulter builder," said Dhananjay.

Meanwhile, Chandra stated that the applicant can file an appeal against the order. "If there is a mistake in the order, it can be rectified. The complainant is free to complain against the order passed by me. I might have signed on the order paper kept before me. It is not a big issue. It can be resolved," said K-RERA Chairman.

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Demolition drive interrupted by suicide threat

Chaos ensued during the demolition drive at KR Puram on Wednesday. When Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials tried to demolish a house, the owners stood in front of the rajakaluve.and the couple threatened to immolate themselves by pouring kerosene. Sonu Singh, the owner of the house, said, "I constructed the house 10 years ago by taking a loan and am still paying my EMIs. I wonder why no one pointed out the illegality when the plan was approved. In fact, this house is on A-Khata land." The marking was done last month, he said, adding that there were 10 members staying in the house with nowhere to go. They reported that they had also given a portion of the house on lease and the tenant wants the lease advance back. However, they don't have money to return.

"I have been running around everywhere. I have also submitted requisitions to Tahsildar, Joint Commissioner of BBMP. We request them not to demolish houses. Compensation should be provided to us," he added.

The couple continued to protest, stating that even if an inch of the building was demolished, then they would set themselves on fire. The police, fire personnel, and BBMP marshals were called in. Water guns were used to pour water on the couple before they were forcefully evicted from the rajakaluve site and taken to a police station for objecting to government duty. **–BMB**

BEL gears up to shine at Defence Expo

Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) will showcase several state-of-the-art products and systems spanning every domain of its business at the Defence Expo-2022 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat, from October 18-22.

The products and systems to be on display have been clustered as 'Air Defence and Surveillance', 'C4I Systems', 'Artificial Intelligence-based Products', 'Non-Defence and Diversification Products' and 'Radar Systems', 'Communication Systems', the BEL said in a statement.

It added that the 'Airborne Products and Systems', 'Homeland Security and Cyber Security', 'Futuristic Technologies', 'Missile Systems', 'EO and Laser-based Products', 'Outdoor Display Products' and Indian pavilion are the other products it will display. In addition, BEL will also showcase its research and development capabilities by launching or demonstrating some of its new products and technologies. **–PTI**

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Citizens' plea to save Akshayanagara Lake

The residents living near Akshayanagara Lake complain of deteriorating water quality of the lake

Activists say raw sewage flowing around the lake can be harmful

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Residents of the city believe that Akshayanagara Lake is one of the few lakes in Bengaluru that is still in a good condition. However, they are noticing a degradation in the water quality and stress the need for immediate action.

Dwellers of the nearby areas have expressed concerns over the gradually deteriorating water quality. They say that if nothing is done soon the lake will share the fate of other lakes in the city.

Raghavendra B Pachhapur, working with ActionAid India, said, "It is one of the good lakes that one can find in Bengaluru. It has wild vegetation across the boundary of the lake as well as within the island of the lake. The lake also has vetiver grass planted in the wetland. It is beneficial for the lake as it takes out the excess nutrients from the water before it enters the main water body and reduces its biochemical oxygen demand. Hence, it acts as a bio STP."

He added that the water quality was better in May and June than it is now. "On one stretch of the lake,

> **I come for a walk around the area quite often and see rare species of birds, proper care of the lake can attract more such birds**
>
> –Ashish K, a resident

raw sewage is flowing around the lake. While it might be good, the problem arises from the fact that it is raw sewage, and it can seep into the larger waterbody as well. Apart from that, a lot of hyacinths and other plants are growing on the water body as well. It is important to harvest those regularly. In the wetlands also many types of grass have dried up. If they are not taken out, it will add to the problem", said Pachhapur.

The residents fear that if proper care is not taken, the birds near the lake will disappear as well.

Ashish K, a resident, said, "I come for a walk around the area quite often and a few times I have noticed a bird named Oriental Darter which is quite a rare species. I felt extremely happy to spot such a rare bird there. However, I also could not help but notice that the water quality had also deteriorated. Proper care and surveillance will make the area even more attractive for more such birds." A Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) official told Bangalore Mirror that the Palike will soon look into the matter and plan accordingly.

Bloomerang: Know your flowers

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sold in the market are not completely natural. They contain chemicals that help them to retain their aroma and colours for much longer than the natural ones. So when these flowers degenerate and rot, the toxins do not leave the plant but get into our rivers, soil and food; it can be very harmful to the environment," he explained.

Huge volumes of floral waste from temples and households are generated in Bengaluru which end up in landfills or dumped in nearby waterbodies such as the lakes in city.

"Composting was a good option to get rid of the floral waste, but because of the high amount of chemical residue in these flowers, even that is not viable. If you use these flowers for manuring, the soil might deteriorate and get polluted which will in turn affect the food and crop quality. It is very hard to get rid of these toxins," Dr Reddy said.

It is very important to be aware of where the flowers that you use are coming from and how they are being produced, according to Reddy.

"So many artificial flowers are being imported from other countries; the aroma and lustre of these flowers last longer, but these are not good for the environment," Reddy told BM.

Dr Reddy further noted that up-cycling is one of the options to get rid of toxic flower waste that is increasing in the country.

"Many businesses have started up-cycling the flowers into incense sticks and other consumer products. Though even this cannot be used to get rid of the toxins altogether, it can still be a better alternative to control the problem of floral waste in India," he added.

Flower waste is known to contain toxins like arsenic, lead and cadmium from pesticides, causing pollution and triggering major waterborne diseases when dumped in the waterbodies.

Think beyond Tin Factory Junction

PC Mohan writes to Gadkari for construction of additional structures to ease traffic congestion

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The Tin factory junction has been one of the worst traffic junctions in the city for more than a decade. Despite assurances from the authorities, there has been little or no respite from the traffic jams. However, now there is a demand to think beyond Tin Factory junction as the KR Puram stretch is riddled with traffic jams.

PC Mohan, MP, Bengaluru central has written to Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari stating his concern over connecting Bengaluru city with the starting point of Bengaluru Chennai Expressway (BCE).

"Traffic congestion occurs daily from KR Puram to Hoskote. It takes nearly two hours to reach the Bengaluru-Chennai Expressway starting point from Bengaluru city. In order to reduce the travel time from Bengaluru city to the starting point of BCE, the following additional structures are required. There is a need for an elevated highway from KR Puram to Medahalli (Km 318 to 314 of NH-75 (old NH-4)), the existing Light Vehicular Underpass (LVUP) to be converted into vehicular underpass at Avalahalli (km 75+300). The single-side flyover at Katamanalur should be made a bi-directional flyover. (71+855). I request Hon'ble MORTH to expedite the work on additional structures and complete them before the commissioning of the Bengaluru - Chennai Expressway," he said.

Talking about the worsening traffic congestion on KR Puram Road Mohan told Bangalore Mirror, "The traffic jam on KR Puram Road has worsened over the years and there is a need for urgent measures. I am meeting Gadkari on October 19 to press for the same."

KR Puram which is on the old Madras Road is set to become a new Chennai Road as it will be the gateway to the Bengaluru-Chennai expressway. However, the traffic is worse on the KR Puram road.

The Tin factory is famous for traffic jams for the most part of the day and night. However, the traffic pile-up beyond it is equally worse on that road. "The traffic congestion is high once we descend the cable-stayed bridge as there is a market, frequent crossing by pedestrians and local vehicles. During peak hours, we get stuck for 10-15 minutes till a U-turn (helps vehicle users take a turn towards KR Puram). However, once we cross KR Puram, then there is Bhattarahalli junction where the traffic hardly moves. As this is a tolled road, we wonder why we are paying the toll for getting stuck in traffic jams. The road condition is also poor with a lot of potholes. So, it is high time the centre stops collecting tolls for the congested road or build flyovers to ease traffic congestion," said Anand R, a resident of KR Puram.

Residents believe that the condition will only get worse as the expressway becomes operational.

Shiva Reddy, a resident of Hoodi said, "Most of the trucks, cars and buses which are currently using the Hosur Road get rerouted via this road. If no measures are taken, then the travel time between city to Hoskote will be increase a lot."

Prices go up as everyone wants healthy millet meal

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With a section of people shifting to millets as their daily staple, the price of millets is shooting up. Shop owners say as the demand goes up with every passing month, prices too are going up. A kilogram of foxtail millet is being sold at Rs 85, barnyard millet at Rs 90 a kg, proso millet at Rs 100 while little and brown top millets are sold for Rs 110 a kg.

Shivaram S, a shopkeeper, said the production of millets has taken a hit with excess rainfall this year which automatically increased the price. "Production of millets is still in limited areas and so supply is yet to pick up. However, if demand increases, millet supplies may also be extended," he said.

According to him, what was in the olden regular food, is now premium food. "Earlier rice and wheat were considered premium food. Now they have been displaced by millet. Millets have become popular for various health benefits and so people are coming back to millets by reducing the intake of rice and wheat."

Boost to cultivation

Meanwhile, Agriculture Minister BC Patil said that efforts were being made to promote production of millets. In a recent reply in the Legislative Council, Patil said, "In Raita Siri scheme, programme is formulated to provide encouragement for processing and value addition of millets produced in the state, an assistance of 50% or maximum of Rs.10 lakh subsidy was provided under Raithasiri scheme to provide machineries needed for millet processing, grading, value addition, packing and branding of minor millets." The scheme was launched in 2019-20 to expand the minor millet area in the state. Under the scheme, encouragement is given to the farmers cultivating millets with an assistance of Rs 10,000/- per hectare, limited to maximum of two hectares and the amount is transferred through direct benefit transfer. The scheme is being continued during 2022-23 also, with an incentive of Rs. 6,000 per hectare based on crop survey.

Tomato prices up

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I, RAJNEESH CHINDALIA, S/o Amar Singh Chindalia, Aged About 53Yrs . R/a. No. B-602, Aparna Elina, Tumkur Road, Near Ullas Theater Yeshwanthpura,Bangalore-560022. I declare that RAJNEESH CHINDALIA & RAJNESH CHINDALIA are all the same Person Name. Vide affidavit dtd: 07-10-2022 Sworn before Notary: Vanajakshi.R

WE, Amrith Raj Raju & Reena Christy Arokiaraj, Both are R/a no 326, 3rd Floor, Pariwar Palace Apartment, Devara chikkanahalli Main Road, BTM 4th Stage, Bangalore-76. We are changing our Minor Daughter name from Andrea Amrith Raj to Andrea Christy. Vide affidavit dated 12-10-2022 sworn before notary Uday Kumar K

I, Renu Bhanot, W/o John Paul, R/o No.19/A, Mani Satheesh, 2nd Cross, 5th B Cross, Akshay Nagar, TC Palya Main Road, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560016, have changed my name after marriage to Renu Margaret, Vide affidavit Dtd 12/10/2022, Sworn before Nortory B.Seshagiri, Bangalore.

I VAJAHATH BATOOOL R/a No 7/2, 4th A Cross, Adugodi Post, Anepalya,Bangalore-560030. I have changed my name to VAJAHATH BATOOL. Vide affidavite dated : 07/10/2022. Sworn before notary : Devaraja.E

I, Harsha G S/o Gopalarao R/o G-14,Shrishti Enclave Apt, Sy.No 4/3A, Sampigehalli, Jakkur, B'luru-560064 have changed my name to Harsha Gopalarao for all purposes.

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I, FIROZ PASHA, R/at #9, 5th Cross, C Street, Chandni Chowk Rd, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-51. I, have change my name FAIROZ PASHA, Vide Affidavit Dated 11/10/2022 Sworn before Notary: M. Rajrndra Advocate Bangalore

I Aejaz Sakina R/a No 7/2, 4th A Cross, Adugodi Post, Anepalya,Bangalore-560030. I have changed my name to AEJAZ SAKINA ALI. Vide affidavite dated : 07/10/2022. Sworn before notary : Devaraja.E

I Arshad Ahmed Shahbandri S/O Mohammed Ansar Shabandri R/o 61 Al Ansar Sultan Street Bhatkal have changed my name to Arshad Ahmed Shabandri, vide notary affidavit dated 10-10-2022 sworn before G R Ravichandra Reddy

I, Swetha Rudresh w/o Harish K.G R/o #920, BDA Qtrs, 2nd stage, B-type, Austin Town, Bengaluru 560047 have changed my name to SHWETHA RUDRESH affidavit Dt.10/10/2022 notary Ganesh Gowda M.V, B'luru.

I Lakashya S/O Shashi Kapoor, FNO-301, HNO-795, BEML Layout, Brookfield, Bengaluru, Karnataka -560066, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Lakshya Goyal

I, Shilpa Naik W/o Harsha Gopalarao R/o G-14,Shrishti Enclave Apt, Sy.No 4/3A, Samp -igehalli, Jakkur, B'luru-560064 have changed my name to Shilpa Nadiger for all purposes

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I, SHIVKUMAR BANGALORE SHIVANNA S/o C.T Shivanna resident of No.124, F2, Precise Enclave, 3rd Main Road, Opp. ISCKON Temple, Bangalore-560 086 have changed my name to SHIVAKUMAR BANGALORE SHIVANNA vide affidavit date 11.10.2022 sworn before notary Onkarappa N.R, Bengaluru.

I, Prakash Residing of 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Vinayak Nagar, A.F. Station, Yelahanka, B'lore North, B'lore - 560063 have changed my name to Suriya Aryan vide affidavit dated 10.10.2022 Sworn before Notary H.K. Gopalagowda, Bengaluru North.

I, Kiran Kumar N residing at No.1, 12th Cross, S.P Extension, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003, have changed my minor daughter name from Saadhika K Salanke to Kritanka K Salanke (age 9 years) affidavit dated 14.07.2022 notary Kundan Babu, for all future purposes.

I, Kiran Kumar N residing at No.1, 12th Cross, S.P Extension, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003, have changed my minor daughter name from Nethra K Salanke to Yuktha Akruti K Salanke (age 13 years) affidavit dated 14.07.2022 notary Kundan Babu, for all future purposes.

I, Moses Gopineedi s/o Sathya Reddy.G R/o Flat.302, Level 3, Sai Nilaya, 1st Cross, Obalareddy Lyt, Banaswadi, Bengaluru 560043 have changed my name to Mohan Reddy Gopineedi affidavit Dt.10/10/2022 notary Ganesh Gowda M.V, B'luru

I, Shashikant Guravannavar R/o S V Brindavanam Apt, A block , wing 2, flat No 408 , Pembroke layout, kadubisanahalli , B'lore-560103 have changed my minor son's name from Satwik Shashikant Guravannavar to Likith Shashikant Guravannavar .

Dream of a Film City for Sandalwood

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Sandalwood has been waiting for a Film City on its own on par with Tollywood or Kollywood. So far, no concrete measures seem to have been taken to make the Film City in Bengaluru or Mysuru. There have been proposals to set it up in the past.

First the plan was to have a Film City at Hesaraghatta. The state government established the Film and Television Institute at Hesaraghatta which is said to be the first government institute in the country to start courses related to films. However, after the chances of having a Film City at Hesaraghatta started looking bleak, the focus shifted to Mysuru.

In 2015-16, the state government identified the land for the Film City at Himmavu in Mysuru. Later, the then Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa announced Rs 500 crore while presenting the State Budget for the year 2021-22. There were meetings to discuss the proposal and the Information and Publicity Commissioner visited Himmavu last year to discuss with the officials on acquiring land for Film City. But, it has been silent on that front since the after the visit.

On Tuesday, prominent personalities from Sandalwood met Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai urging him to take measures to establish the Film City. It is believed the Chief Minister responded positively and directed the officials concerned to prepare an action plan on the proposal.

Mysuru was picked as an apt spot to make a Film City in State

"We met the Chief Minister, the Minister for Public Works and the Home Minister and explained the film industry's problems. It was great that the Chief Minister gave us a patient hearing. He promised all help to the Kannada film industry," said director SV Rajendra Singh Babu.

Krishne Gowda, president, Kannada Film Chamber of Commerce, said the delegation told the CM about the problems. "There is a lot for the government to do for the betterment of the industry. Theater owners (exhibitors) are facing problems from police and other authorities. The state government must simplify the norms for constructing mini theaters. We also want the state government to appoint qualified persons for award selection committees," he said.

Tree census: BBMP tries to duck blame

Waiting for team from Forest Department to be deputed for help with counting trees, claims Palike

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is now holding the Karnataka Forest Department accountable for delay in carrying out the much-awaited tree census of Bengaluru.

According to a senior official from the forest department of BBMP, the census is awaiting a deputation of officials from the Karnataka Forest Department to assist BBMP staff in the process.

"Work is going on and we have developed an application for this purpose as well. However, we are short of manpower and thus have requested the Karnataka Forest Department to help us with it. We have written to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) regarding the requirement and now we are waiting for approval. We have requested a deputation period of two months and for the maximum manpower they can provide," said the official.

However, officials from the Karnataka Forest Department say they have not received any such request from the civic body.

"I have not been contacted by any official from the BBMP regarding assistance required in conducting the tree census. Even if the department has received this request from the civic body, it is not worth it. We are facing a shortage of manpower and it will be difficult to depute staff for this purpose. The Forest Department's manpower is for the protection of the forest," said RK Singh, PCCF, Karnataka Forest Department.

Interestingly, it has been over three years since the Karnataka High Court ordered the BBMP to conduct the census expeditiously.

Earlier, the Palike had reached out to the Institute of Wood Science and Technology and the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) to conduct the survey. The idea was to sign an MoU with one of the research institutes to conduct the census. However, after months of discussions, none of the two contracts took off. The BBMP then decided to conduct the survey with inputs from the tree authority and manpower support from the Karnataka Forest Department.

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B'luru tree census: Can we count on BBMP forest dept?

3 years after HC order, Palike is yet to zero in on research institute for census

BM had reported on Sep 13 that BBMP is unable to finalise on research institute for tree census

Environmentalists and ecologists say the BBMP should get started with the survey without any further ado. They suggest that Palike bring in college students and professors with the right background to help them with the survey.

"BBMP should encourage students and teachers to undertake the census exercise as part of an educational program. Many taxonomists and botanists teach and study in these colleges across the city. However, Palike is avoiding the exercise to duck accountability. They are more interested in chopping down the trees," said a city-based renowned environmentalist.

High Court on its own takes up PIL for transparency in BDA

The High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday initiated a public interest litigation (PIL) on its own to bring in transparency in the working of the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA).

It specifically pertains to web hosting all details of areas developed by the civic infrastructure agency. The court ordered also issuing notices to the BDA and the State government.

The PIL, based on the on-its-own petition by the High Court Registrar, was heard by the Division Bench headed by Acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe today.

Government advocate Prathima Honnapura sought three weeks to obtain instructions from the government on the issue following which the court adjourned the case.

The petition pleads transparency in the working of the BDA and uploading of all information related to the layouts developed by it in a phased manner. **PTI**

Moonlighting a question of ethics, says Wipro CEO

Weeks after Wipro fired 300 of its employees for moonlighting, the company's CEO Thierry Delaporte on Wednesday said that while little side jobs were fine, working for a competitor is a "question of ethics". Wipro reported a marginal dip in attrition rate and said it will pay out 100 per cent variable pay to 85% of the staff.

On Wednesday, at the second-quarter earnings press conference, Delaporte said Wipro contracts stipulate not taking up a side job with a competitor. Employees are expected "not only to dedicate time for Wipro but also keep time for themselves and for families," he said."It is perfectly fine with someone having a little side job here and there. It is different if you are working for a company that is in our environment (business) for example," he said, adding that working for rivals is also a conflict of interest. "So it (moonlighting) is not a question of legal, it is a question of ethics," he said. **—PTI**

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In the last six years, Karnataka has diverted 1305.9 hectare of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the Forest Conservation Act. The majority of this land parcel was for projects related to the widening of existing roads and mining and quarrying.

Between 2016 and 2022, these two activities accounted for diversion of around 50 per cent of the total forest land conversion. While road projects led to the diversion of 313.03 hectare of forest land, mining and quarrying activities were responsible for the diversion of 287.3 hectare. In the given time period, as many as 25 road projects and 21 mining-related projects have been taken up on forest land across Karnataka.

The maximum amount of conversion due to mining activities was seen in 2016-17. As much as 145.04 hectare of green patch was diverted for such projects that year, followed by 101.6 hectare in 2018-19.

Experts say diverting forest areas at this rate will only degrade the ecology, hydrology, landforms and biodiversity of the area and is an inexcusable crime and proved that decision-makers are keen on promoting the economy at the cost of ecology.

"Deforestation of Swamimalai and Devagiri Gudda of Sandur taluk in the name of development of Devadhari Gudda by establishing an iron ore company is one such example. The government also got an ordinance for stone-crushing industry in Nandi Hills which form catchment for rivers such as Arkavathy, Kumudvati, Palar, Papagni, etc. In the last two decades, we have erased several fossil bearings sites from BRT to Ballari regions for quarrying, crushing industry and construction of dams, etc," said Dr AN Yellapa Reddy, an environmentalist.

Researchers and conservationists say that forest patches should be diverted for no-forestry purposes only after conducting a detailed study before taking up development projects so as to align infrastructure activities with forest conservation objectives. However, decision-makers seldom consider this approach.

"What goes unquoted is the collateral damage due to such irresponsible action. While forest area is being sacrificed rampantly, none of the stakeholders are interested in conducting impact assessments of such projects in true spirit. While we should consider re-routing infrastructure projects to avoid large forest patches, it is everyone's last priority," said DV Girish, wildlife conservationist and environmentalist.

According to Dr TV Ramachandra, Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), these numbers only highlight the outcome of having environmentally illiterate policymakers and administrators. Loss of forest cover has a direct impact on livelihood of people too, apart from an adverse impact on the biodiversity and overall ecosystem.

"For a river to have water throughout a year, more than 60 per cent of its catchment area should have native forest cover. When a forest is fragmented, water availability becomes an issue. We have studied areas with intact forest cover and have also documented water availability throughout the year. Whereas, in fragmented forest areas, it comes down to six to eight months in a year," said Dr Ramachandra.

He further added that native undisturbed forest cover ensures diverse and abundant pollinators, which leads to greater crop yield.

"We have recorded paddy crop yield to an extent of 14-16 quintal per acre with forest cover in the catchment of a river stream. On the contrary, catchment areas with lower forest cover yielded only 6 to 8 quintal per acre. Higher yield implies better livelihood of farmers," said Dr Ramachandra.

Experts also say that this rate of forest fragmentation and deforestation will also manifest in the form of higher incidents of human-animal conflicts.

A file picture of illegal quarries along NICE Road, spread over 110 acre and destroying the environment; below: logs of timber being carried

Some numbers to make you ponder

Year	Irrigation (In ha)	Mining & quarrying (In ha)	road (In ha)	railways (In ha)	transmission lines (In ha)
2016-17	2.62	145.04	74	0	24.83
2017-18	110.37	29	37.14	0	11.2
2018-19	4.8	101.675	0.808	0	0
2019-20	0.12	10.04	0.96	18.11	3.01
2020-21	100.12	0.91	168.95	10.37	0
2021-22	0	0.6	31.18	15.96	9.19
Total	**218.03**	**287.265**	**313.038**	**44.44**	**48.23**

Land, diverted

Year	Total land diversion (ha)
2016-17	298.37
2017-18	331.17
2018-19	137.283
2019-20	36.3123
2020-21	442.27
2021-22	60.48
Total	1305.8853

"While forest area is being sacrificed rampantly, none of the stakeholders are interested in conducting internal assessments
–DV Girish, environmentalist

State govt monitoring new variant

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While the threat of covid-19 may be almost nil for most people and pre-virus times are back, two highly contagious subvariants of Omicron: BF.7 and BA.5.1.7 have been found in provinces of China.

The Health and Family Welfare Department of Karnataka (HFW) clarified that they were keeping a close watch on the sub-variants and carrying out genome sequencing on the variants of concern.

Among the variants of Omicron, so far, BA1.1.529, BA 1, BA 2, BA 3, BA 4, BA 5 have been detected. In the BA 2 variant, between January-August 2022, over 8,572 variants of concern (VOC) were reported constituting 74.73 per cent. In September, 631 VOC was reported with 77.9 per cent.

"The Technical Advisory committee is discussing this. So far, these variants have not been reported in the genome sequencing
–Randeep D, Commissioner, HFW Dept

Over 865 cases were reported of BA5 variant between January to August, constituting to 7.54 per cent, and 154 cases in September, contributing to 19 per cent.

Commissioner for Health and Family Welfare, Randeep D, said, "We are doing airport surveillance as per Government of India guidelines and genome sequencing of all covid-19 positive cases have been carried out. The Technical Advisory committee is discussing this. So far, these variants have not been reported in the genome sequencing."

Dr Bindumathi PL Sr, Consultant - Internal Medicine, Aster CMI Hospital added that along with China, the infection of the two highly contagious Omicron subvariants BF.7 and BA.5.1.7 has been spread to other countries like Germany and France. These subvariants are highly infectious with a fast-spreading speed and can easily evade previous immunity. "Hence, people, especially international travellers should be aware of this and should follow safety protocols for covid-19. Also, people with both the doses of covid-19 vaccination or the precautionary dose are also at risk of getting infected. Keep an eye on the signs and symptoms. Seek medical attention and go for a screening."

The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well issued a warning on covid-19 variant BF7, which is continuously evolving and collecting mutations in its genetic code over time. It has been reported in Germany, France, UK, Australia and Belgium.

Grant to cover losses
Cabinet approves one time grant of Rs 22,000 crore to oil marketing companies to recover losses they incurred on LPG

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Retail inflation moves to five-month high

Costlier food items have driven it to 7.41% in September

#New Delhi

Retail inflation rose to a five-month high of 7.41 per cent in September mainly due to costlier food items, reason enough for the Reserve Bank to continue with its rate hike cycles it has resorted to since May 2022.

Inflation in the food basket rose to 8.60 per cent in September from 7.62 per cent in August.

It is for the ninth month in a row that retail inflation has remained above the Reserve Bank of India's upper tolerance level of 6 per cent.

Official data released by National Statistical Office (NSO) on Wednesday showed that the retail inflation based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) was at 7.41 per cent in September as against 7 per cent in August. In the year-ago month, it was at a comfortable level of 4.35 per cent. The central government has mandated RBI to ensure that retail inflation remains in the range of 2-6 per cent.

The RBI Act mandates the central bank to show up with a report to the government as to why it failed to contain inflation within the targeted band. One of the RBI's main functions is to contain inflation at 4% with a bias of 2% on either side.

In September, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said acute imported inflation pressures felt at the beginning of this fiscal year have eased but it still remains elevated across food and energy items. As per the government data, the retail inflation in 'cereals and products', 'milk and products', vegetables, 'pulses and products' and spices were higher at 11.53 per cent, 7.13 per cent, 18.05 per cent and 3.05 per cent and 16.88 per cent respectively in September, higher than the preceding month.

A vegetable vendor talks on his phone in a market in Kolkata (file photo)

While, the higher prices of 'cereals and products' exhibit the imported inflation pressure due to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war impacting supplies globally, the higher vegetable prices can be attributed to torrential rains damaging crops as well as impacting transportation.

Protein-rich eggs continued to show deflation at (-)1.79 per cent in September, albeit at a slower pace than (-) 4.57 per cent in August. The rate of price rise in fruits was slower at 5.68 per cent as against 7.39 per cent in the previous month. For 'fuel and light' category, the retail inflation remained above 10 per cent. Nikhil Gupta, Chief Economist, MOFSL group said India's headline inflation surged to a five-month high last month versus the market consensus of 7.3 per cent. "As expected, higher inflation was led by food items. Overall, the combination of slightly higher inflation and a fall in IIP raises concerns," he said. **– PTI**

Mastermind of human sacrifice 'a pervert'; accused sent to prison

#Kochi

In the human sacrifice case, a pervert is the prime accused, who exploited the fears of a man and his wife over their financial woes and two women were killed following torture, police said here on Wednesday.

All the three accused were produced by police before a court here and they were remanded in judicial custody. Police said they would move the court seeking the custody of the accused for further interrogation.

Strongly condemning the human sacrifice, the ruling CPI (M) stressed the need for a new legislation to curb such superstitious practices and sought strict implementation of the existing laws.

Advocate B A Aloor, known for representing the accused in sensational cases appeared for the trio.

Speaking to reporters on solving the case that became sensational, Kochi City Police Commissioner Nagaraju Chakilam said the 52-year old Mohammed Shafi, the prime accused, is a history-sheeter.

He took undue advantage of the concerns of Bhagaval Singh (68) and his wife Laila (59) over their financial problems. Shafi convinced the couple that human sacrifice would solve their financial issues and brought them under his influence. Singh was a traditional massage therapist.

On news reports that the trio was engaged in 'cannibalism,' he said that this possibility was also being investigated, but there was no evidence to confirm it. The Commissioner said Shafi is a pervert and a sadist, with a mindset to cause injury, harm and death. "He will make up any story, trap anyone." He said Shafi faces many cases, including theft and rape, against him. In one of the rape cases, a 75-year-old woman was raped, and was inflicted injuries on various parts of her body. **– PTI**

SC decides it will take a look at demonetisation

#New Delhi

The Supreme Court said on Wednesday it is aware of the "Lakshman Rekha'' on judicial review of the government's policy decisions but will have to examine the 2016 demonetisation decision to come to a conclusion whether the issue has become a mere "academic" exercise.

Observing that when an issue arises before a constitution bench, it is its duty to answer, a five-judge bench headed by Justice S A Nazeer directed the Centre and the Reserve Bank of India to file a comprehensive affidavit on the petitions challenging demonetisation of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 currency notes.

Attorney General R Venkataramani submitted that unless the Act on demonetisation is challenged in a proper perspective, the issue will essentially remain academic.

The High Denomination Bank Notes (Demonetisation) Act was passed in 1978 to provide in public interest for demonetisation of certain high denomination bank notes in order to check illicit transfer of money harmful to the economy which such currency notes facilitate.

The top court said in order to declare whether the exercise is academic or has become infructuous, it needs to examine the matter since both sides are not agreeable.

"In order to answer that issue, we will have to hear and give an answer whether it's academic, not academic or beyond the scope of judicial review..." **– PTI**

Byju's to cut 2,500 staff, aims for profitability by March 2023

#Bengaluru

India's popular edu-tech startup Byju's will lay off 2,500 employees in its push towards achieving profitability by March next year, the Tiger Global-backed firm said on Wednesday.

Valued at around $22 billion in September, the online learning platform had in May reported a loss of 45.64 billion rupees ($554.77 million) for fiscal 2021 due to higher promotion and employee expenses.

The startup, which employs 50,000 people, said it expects layoffs at its product, content, media and technology teams as well as revision of sales and marketing approaches to result in "sizable savings with no impact on growth".

"We aim to ensure sustainable growth alongside strong revenue growth," Mrinal Mohit, chief executive at Byju's India business, said.

The move comes against the backdrop of a weakness in demand for Byju's, which had emerged as a pandemic winner. The startup is also planning to add 10,000 teachers in 2023 to its current strength of 20,000 amid increasing competition.

Byju's has spent $2.5 billion in fiscal year ended March 2022 to acquire companies such as Aakash, U.S.-based Epic, kids' coding platform Tynker, professional education firm Great Learning and exam perpetration platform Toppr.

– Reuters

World's 1st space tourist to go on a spin around moon

#Cape Canaveral

The world's first space tourist wants to go back — only this time, he's signed up for a spin around the moon aboard Elon Musk's Starship.

For Dennis Tito, 82, it's a chance to relive the joy of his trip to the International Space Station, now that he's retired with time on his hands. He isn't interested in hopping on a 10-minute flight to the edge of space or repeating what he did 21 years ago. "Been there, done that."

His weeklong moonshot — its date to be determined and years in the future — will bring him within 200 kilometers of the lunar far side. He'll have company: his wife, Akiko, and 10 others willing to shell out big bucks for the ride. Tito won't say how much he's paying; his Russian station flight cost $20 million. The couple recognise there's a lot of testing and development still ahead for Starship,

a shiny, bullet-shaped behemoth that's yet to even attempt to reach space. "We have to keep healthy for as many years as it's going to take for SpaceX to complete this vehicle," Tito said in an interview this week. "I might be sitting in a rocking chair, not doing any good exercise, if it wasn't for this mission."

Tito is the second billionaire to make a Starship reservation for a flight around the moon. Japanese fashion tycoon Yusaku Maezawa announced in 2018 he was buying an entire flight so he could take eight or so others with him, preferably artists. The two men both flew to the space station, from Kazakhstan atop Russian rockets, 20 years apart. Tito kicked off space tourism in 2001, becoming the first person to pay his own way to space and antagonising NASA in the process. **– AP**

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LOCAL TOURISM

To find a local connection and a sense of belonging more and more millennials turn to local tourism

According to a well-known proverb, "Wisdom comes with age; understanding comes with travel". Local tourism basically refers to exploring your own country's territory. Consumers still favour local goods, services, and experiences despite globalisation and digitization. Recent years have seen a meteoric surge in domestic travel, which has greatly benefited neighbourhood hotels. Travellers, notably millennials, prefer quick trips to nearby locations that don't require a passport. For millennials, who prefer staycations to expensive, administratively onerous international trips, the concept of a vacation has undergone a significant transformation.

On the other hand, local tourism is picking up steam and developing thriving local economies to support neighbourhood communities. In order to revive and expand small enterprises, the rising demand for regional tourism is equally essential. The domestic travel industry's problems are being reduced by the surge in local tourism, which can benefit the nation's economy by providing a safety net for younger enterprises. The largest benefits of local tourism are certainly growth and job creation since it motivates owners of specialised hospitality businesses to expand and hire locally. This has a cascading impact on nearby suppliers and guarantees that companies stay in touch with the neighbourhood to serve local tourists.

The "millennials", a generation mostly born between 1980 and 1995, are likely the biggest consumers of domestic travel. So, the lower end of this cohort is in their mid-20s, while the upper end is approaching their mid-30s. The trend towards local tourism can be attributed to millennials, who travel more than any other generation and value authenticity and soul-stirring experiences. Additionally, they firmly support the concepts of fulfilment and sustainability, which is having a good impact on the dynamics of travel within the tourism sector. They identify with a local holiday that allows them to keep more in touch with their roots by engaging with local cuisines, cultures, and accommodations.

Millennials are motivated by a sense of cultural pride and a strong sense of belonging, which causes them to divert their attention to local attractions. By capitalising on the rising demand for their services, local hospitality companies can forge insurmountable prospects and develop enthralling local vacations. For millennials to embrace the local culture when travelling, an authentically local experience must be created. Travel has altered in the eyes of millennials, who choose an "experimental attitude." A true millennial looks for fresh and interesting experiences while narrowing down potential travel destinations.

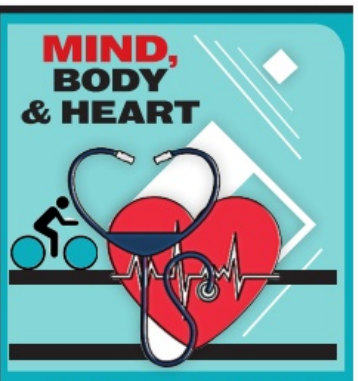
By designing rustic and distinctly localised experiences, local hospitality firms may live up to these expectations. Beach tourism, adventure tourism, cultural tourism, rural tourism, ecotourism, medical tourism, wildlife tourism, or a creative combination of the aforementioned can all be classified as local tourism. The secret to building enduring relationships with your travel customer is to provide inclusive and rich travel experiences. Millennials have immediate access to the internet and utilise social media frequently. For millennials, using their smartphones as a planning tool is the best option.

Social media is always used to obtain, experience, and share travel-related information. It is therefore time to open an account on social media if your firm is in the hospitality industry. Social media engagement with millennials may be achieved through keeping an active social media presence, live streaming, forming alliances with influencers, and publishing attractive promotions. When millennials make up your target market, it's crucial for hoteliers to make sure that visitors can quickly book their accommodations through your website, OTAs, and social media.

Maintaining your social media persona is crucial if you want to establish long-lasting relationships. What can millennials really anticipate from a local travel adventure? Bringing them closer to their roots, organising local events, and assisting them in connecting with the neighbourhood will help create positive future relationships.

A potential growth and development engine is domestic tourism. The effects of tourism in local communities have a variety of sociocultural effects, including the creation of income, the upgrading of infrastructure, banking and telecommunications services, the creation of jobs, and the generation of tax money for the government. It is the responsibility of local hospitality firms to work with local governments to improve service standards and coordinate marketing initiatives to promote domestic tourism in order to guarantee that the demand for local tourism is on an upward slope.

—Zishan Khan, Chief Acquisition Officer; Co-Founder, Ekostay, IANSlife



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a man in my late 50s and I've been feeling a lot of guilt over my behaviour during my marriage.
I've been married for 30 years and I'm ashamed to admit I've had several affairs years ago that my wife knows nothing about; one of them was with a very good friend of hers.
I want to make things right with her now, as she's been ill and it's made me realise how much I love and value her.
She had cancer, but has come out the other side and the prognosis is good.
I've done a lot of soul searching as a result and I want us to have a fresh start and to do some amazing things together.
I think what's happened has made me fall in love with her all over again and I want to come clean, but I know it's a huge risk.
I've no idea how she'll react, especially after coming through cancer.
What would you do?

COLEEN SAYS

You want to relieve your guilt and give it to your wife to deal with, which I think, after everything she's been through, is quite cruel.
You're forcing her to react to something that happened years ago. I think it would be different if you'd come clean at the time in order to work on your marriage or give her the chance to walk away.
If I were in your wife's position and had just come through cancer, and my hubby of 30 years told me about his affairs, it would smash my heart to pieces.
You asked what I would do if I were you; I wouldn't confess to make myself feel better, but I'd make it up to my partner every day by showing them how much I love them.
So, maybe that's an option for you. Of course, there's always the danger that she'll be even angrier about it because you've lied to her for years.
The bottom line is, you've made your bed and now you have to lie in it. I think you should do whatever will upset your wife the least.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

What's new for Sydney Sweeney... 'Euphoria' star Sydney Sweeney just added another project to her kitty, she will be leading the cast of the 'Barbarella' film for Sony Pictures

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

The real story

Dhananjay aka Daali Dhananjay is busy promoting his latest movie Head Bush based on the life of Bangalore's first underworld don MP Jayaraj. Dhananjay is getting the feel of retro outfits and has begun visiting cities across the state to promote the movie. He attended a meeting in Kollegal on Tuesday and a major event is planned in Davangere on October 16. Ramya and Rachita Ram are expected to be chief guests at the event. The movie is scheduled for release in theaters on October 21 across the state.

Director Shoonya told BM Dhananjay met all his expectations during the shooting. "I discussed the script with him for more than one-and-a-half years. I know Dhananjay as an actor with a lot of talent. He entered the skin of Jayaraj. He treats newcomers as well as experienced directors equally," said Shoonya.

When asked what was special about Head Bush, the director said that most people are not aware of how politicians misused Jayaraj in the 80s to get their ends served. "Head Bush exposes the cunning politicians and tells the real story of Jayaraj," said the director. Shoonya is currently pursuing a Ph.D in film making at Jain University. Payal Rajput, Sandy Master, Yogesh, Vasishta N Simha, Sruthi Hariharan, Balu Nagendra form the cast in this movie.

About the Gowlis

The shoot of Srinagar Kitty's latest movie Gowli is concluded. A song was filmed for this movie at Sangama near Kanakapura. Around 50 junior artistes were part of the shoot along with Srinagar Kitty and Pavana Gowda. The director and his team are busy in post-production now.

This is Srinagar Kitty's first film directed by a newcomer. "Initially, Srinagar Kitty sir told me he would not act in movies directed by newcomers. But after I narrated the script to him, he agreed to act in this movie," said Soori S.

The director said the story of the movie is about the living condition of Gowli community in Karnataka. "They are known as cattle/buffalo herding pastoral people. We have shot most of the movie in Sirsi, Yellapur, Hubballi and Bengaluru. Now, we are busy with release of the film's trailer," said the director. He will submit the movie for certification from the Regional Censor Board next week.

Raghu Singham has bankrolled the movie under Sohan Film Factory banner. Rangayana Raghu, Yash Shetty, Sharath Lohitasva, Cockroach Sudhi, Gopal Krishna Deshpande and Govinde Gowda are the cast in the film with three songs.

Priyanka Chopra and Deepika Padukone

The duo worked together in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's 'Bajirao Mastani' and the audience still hasn't gotten over their performance in 'Pinga'. They also appeared together on 'Koffee With Karan' and continue to share a great bond even after the film.

Huma Qureshi and Sonakshi Sinha

Huma and Sonakshi are sharing screen space in 'Double XL' but they've been friends for a while. Infact, Huma shared that this film has emerged out of a living room conversation with her closest friends including Sonakshi, brother Saqib and Mudassar Aziz. The actresses turn out to be each other's cheerleaders on social media every time they put up a picture or venture into something new. It's quite heartwarming to see this bond off-screen and on-screen too, their chemistry will be one of the biggest USPs of 'Double XL'.

Hey, soul sister

Take a look at leading ladies who've always had each other's backs

The stereotype is that leading ladies always indulge in catfights. But some actresses are smashing all stereotypes and have shown the world the power of sisterhood. These actresses haven't been insecure or apprehensive to share screen space and their bond has reflected even off-screen. Take a look. — ETimes

Rani Mukherji and Vidya Balan

Rani and Vidya shared screen space in 'No One Killed Jessica' and bonded off-screen so much that Vidya sucking Rani's thumb on 'Koffee With Karan' is still remembered. Both the ladies are strong personalities and bring in their own individuality

to the table. The fact that both of them have made such unique choices and not adhered to the 'formulaic' route or stereotypes perhaps leads to their bonding. Vidya also doesn't seem to have qualms about sharing screen space with more actresses who are such good performers. For instance, she bonding so well during Shefali Shah recently during the promotions of 'Jalsa'. Vidya will be seen next in a film with Ileana D'cruz.

Katrina Kaif and Anushka Sharma

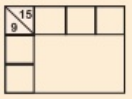
Katrina and Anushka worked together in 'Jab Tak Hai Jaan' and also 'Zero'. The two actresses have always had good things to say about each other while promoting these films and their bond was quite evident when they appeared together on 'Koffee With Karan'. The duo had admitted they're quite similar in many of their values or personality and are fond of each other. It's not like they call each other every day or chat, but they always connect whenever they talk and they can call each other 'friends'. Interestingly, the actresses have also been neighbours after Katrina got married to Vicky Kaushal.

Alia Bhatt, Katrina Kaif, Priyanka Chopra

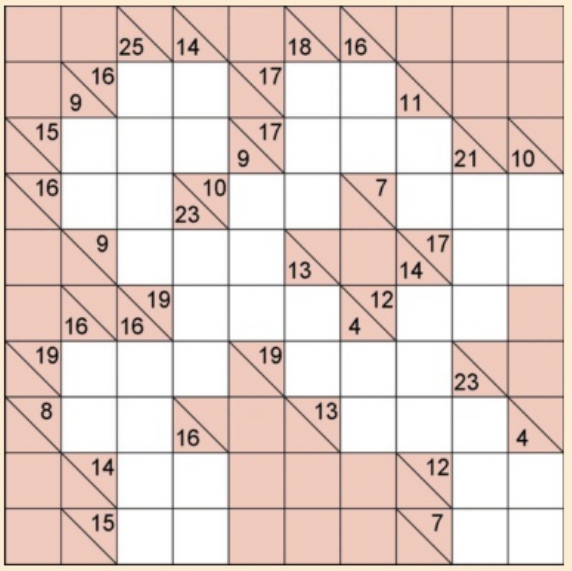
Alia Bhatt, Katrina Kaif and Priyanka Chopra are set to share screen space in 'Jee Le Zara' and the three actresses have always been supporting each other on social media. This film will also be important from a perspective that three mainstream top actresses can work together and there are no catfights or insecurity playing spoilsport. Alia and Katrina have displayed love for each other at several instances. The two actresses have also appeared together on Neha Dhupia's show 'BFFs'. The film is yet to go on floors.

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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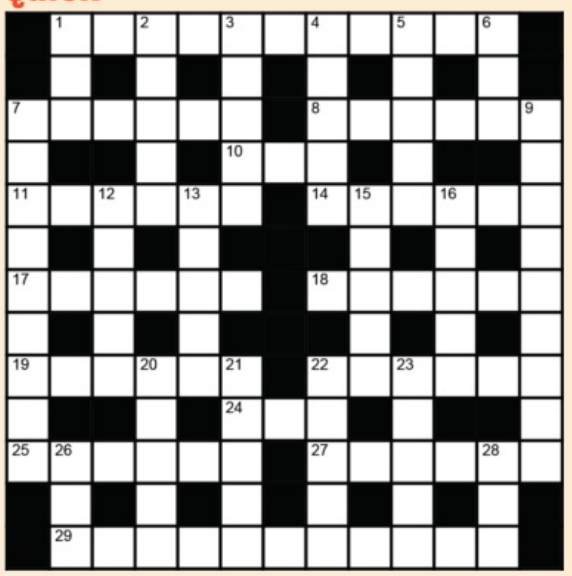


ACROSS

1 Capital of Trinidad & Tobago (4,2,5)
7 It has attractive qualities! (6)
8 Of greatest age? (6)
10 Sense of self (3)
11 Former Egyptian president (6)
14 Tropical bird (6)
17 Unexpected (6)
18 Man engaged to wed (6)
19 Planetary paths (6)
22 Castigate (6)
24 Cleaning agent (3)
25 Lusty; crude (6)
27 Disunion (6)
29 In which the newspaper readers give air to their own personal problems and woes? (5,6)

DOWN

1 Pulse vegetable (3)
2 Tears or wrenches forcibly (5)
3 Aquatic mammal (5)
4 Spy (5)
5 Snake (5)
6 National Airspace Sys. (3)
7 Port city in Karnataka (9)
9 Arsenal's local rivals (9)
12 Brush-like growth (5)
13 Brit living abroad (5)
15 Farewell (5)
16 India's cricket trophy (5)
20 Preamble (5)
21 Cunningly (5)
22 Basil-based sauce (5)
23 First prime minister of India (5)
26 Old time movie Anokhi ___ (3)
28 Moral offence (3)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: M EQUALS G

ULNLF IE T JFEUM GXQUM GE STZL T BFQLUI EF GE ZLLD EUL.

Linemaro

Before you run, I am not a freak

Mindchow

Art, like morality, consists in drawing the line somewhere

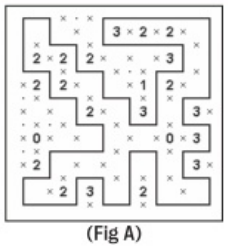
Joke of the day

I took part in the sun tanning Olympics. I just got Bronze

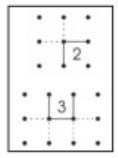
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



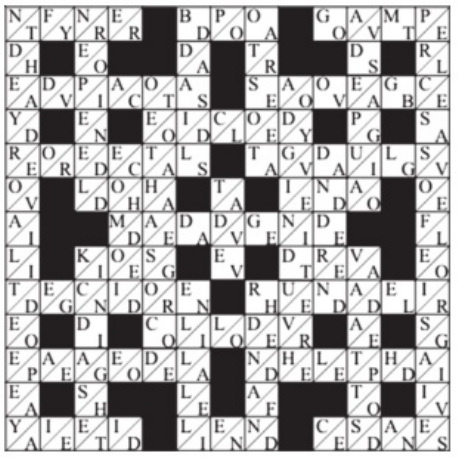
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

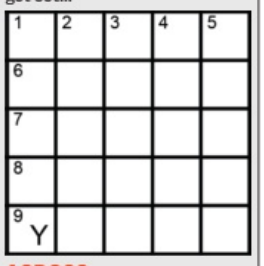
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Bag ma; 6 Ragas; 7 So gas; 8 Emits; 9 Cathy

DOWN

1 Say GS; 2 Am Aga; 3 Gamic; 4 Throb; 5 Sates

Mensapuzzle

Start at one of the four corner letters and spiral clockwise round the perimeter, finishing at the centre letter to spell out a nine-letter word. You must provide the missing letters.

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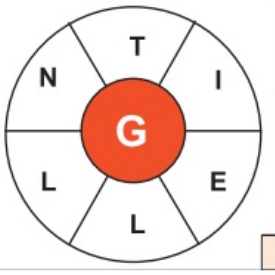
O	C	I
N	A	P

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; 08 Good; 10 Outstanding

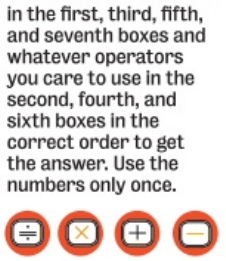
SudokuChallenge

				8				
	7		2		3		5	
1		5	9		7	4		3
7	3						6	4
6								1
4	1						9	5
3		1	4		2	5		6
	4		8		9		7	
				5				

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 12

2 2 2 6

Medium = 40

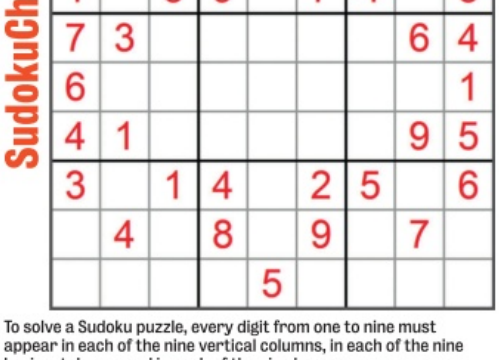
4 7 8 9

Hard = 3

2 6 6 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



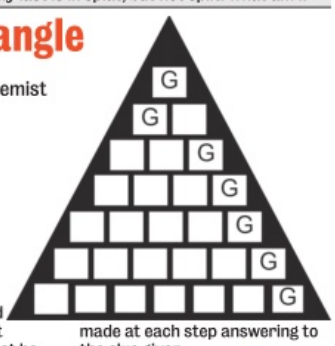
Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Headlight is lower. 3. Windshield is curved on top. 4. Clasp on briefcase is different. 5. Mirror is longer. 6. Hat is larger.

Riddler

My first is in sound, but not in thunder. My second is in noise, but not in poise. My third is in outrage, but not in grater.My fourth is in whimper, but not in whisper. My fifth is in squash, but not in squelches. My sixth is in mutter, but not in murmur. My seventh is in gosh, but not in gasp. My eighth is in yelp, but not in yell. My ninth is in hoarse, but not in harsh.My tenth is in eerie, but not in fairy. My eleventh is in bliss, but not in bless.My last is in splat, but not spilt. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Gravity, symbol
2 Gallium for the chemist
3 Harridan
4 Sign of hunger
5 Parroting
6 Tempo
7 Faultfinding



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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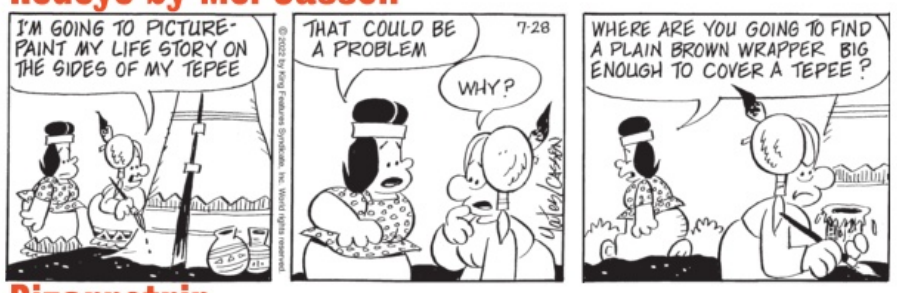
I'M GOING TO PICTURE-PAINT MY LIFE STORY ON THE SIDES OF MY TEPEE
THAT COULD BE A PROBLEM
7-28
WHY?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO FIND A PLAIN BROWN WRAPPER BIG ENOUGH TO COVER A TEPEE?

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

FUNERALS ARE OCCASIONS WHERE NICE THINGS ARE SAID...
ABOUT PEOPLE YOU REALLY DIDN'T LIKE
SO STRAP IN FOR TEN MINUTES OF TOTAL BULL ABOUT BERNICE
THANK YOU, LIL
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Hart of the city

WHERE'S KAT? WE NEED TO PLAN THE POOL GAMES FOR HER PARTY!
PRUNES
ABOUT THAT... KAT WENT HOME. SHE UH... STARTED HER JOURNEY INTO WOMANHOOD DURING ART CLASS.
PRUNES
OH! I SEE. I GUESS THAT MEANS NO POOL PARTY, HUH?
I GUESS NOT!
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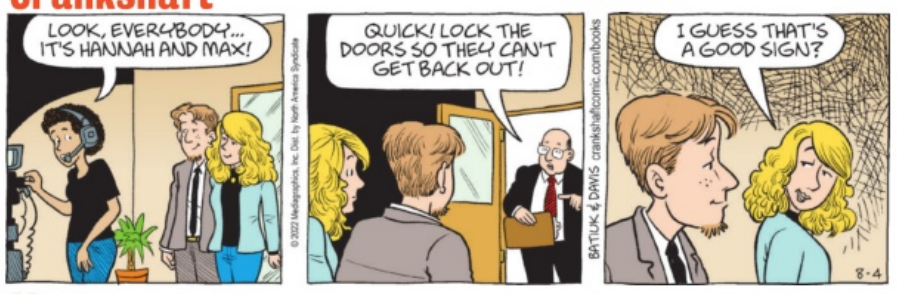
Crankshaft


LOOK, EVERYBODY... IT'S HANNAH AND MAX!
QUICK! LOCK THE DOORS SO THEY CAN'T GET BACK OUT!
I GUESS THAT'S A GOOD SIGN?
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you are advised to control your blunt behaviour. Your way of talking may affect people around you. You may spend your hard-learned money on buying some worthless items. Your mind is likely to work very fast. It is advised to make important decisions with patience.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may not feel good. Old health issues may arise and make you upset. You can make some wrong decisions due to impatience and hurry. It is advised to think twice before making any decision. It is advised to not keep money loose, otherwise you may spend it on buying worthless items.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today there may be peace in your mind. You may plan to invest some capital in business, which may increase liquidity. Your earnings may boost your financial health. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in the family life. Singles are likely to find a suitable match. Lovebirds may decide to get married.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be very happy. Your losses may convert to profits. Your seniors may be happy and will appreciate your work. You are likely to have some changes into your place, position or responsibilities at work in terms of promotions. Your opponents and hidden enemies may be under control now. Singles and lovebirds may take important decisions in terms of marriage with the help of relatives or friends.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you are blessed by the moon, which will make you happy. Last week's crunches are now over. You may get reciprocation for your hard work. With the help of your juniors, you may be able to initiate some postponed projects. There are some gains in your business, which may boost finances.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may feel dull. You may have some health issues. You are advised to postpone making investments in business. It is also advised not to start new ventures. You are likely to face losses in business . Your gains may convert to losses.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you are blessed by the moon and may be able to make quick decisions on the professional front. You may expect new opportunities in terms of business, which may boost your confidence levels. You are likely to start some new innovation with the help of your partner, which may grow your business in the near future.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you are blessed by the moon and may perform well at work. You can expect some promotions or transfers in terms of gains. You may also plan to change your current job. Your equation with your boss may be boosted now. Chronic health issues will be resolved, which will make your family happy.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. This may give you confidence. You may be able to make important decisions confidently. You are decisive as well, so you may grab any opportunity without a second thought. You are likely to spend money on family and friends. Lovebirds may enjoy happy moments. Job aspirants are likely to get a suitable job with the help of friends.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may feel dull. You may not enjoy your day. You may be a victim of arrogance. It may affect both your professional and domestic life. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you are advised to control your straightforwardness. Loose talking may affect people around you. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying some worthless items. Your mind is likely to work very fast, so it is advised to make any important decisions with patience.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you can make quick decisions, which may bring benefits to your day-to-day life. You can make some tough decisions with the help of your colleagues. You are likely to get success easily. Property-related disputes between siblings are likely to be resolved. You may also expect some short trips.

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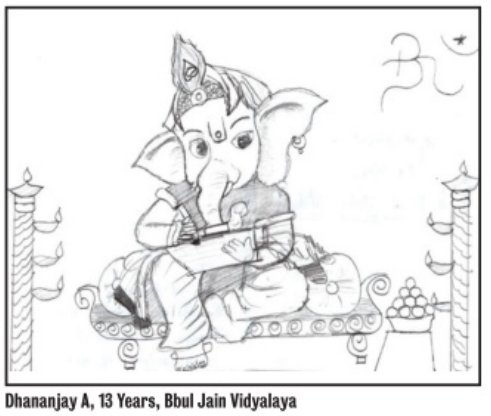

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
5+6+7=18

RIDDLER
Onomatopoeia. This is a word whose sound suggests the sense (eg buzz and hiss).

QUOTE UNCODE
Never do a wrong thing to make a friend or to keep one.

FAST FIVE

G	A	M	B	A
A	G	A	R	S
S	A	G	O	S
S	M	I	T	E
Y	A	C	H	T

BULL'S EYE
gent, gill, gilt, gen, gilt, legit, ling, TELLING, tinge, tingle

STRIKE OUT

T	Y	R	E		B	O	A		G	A	M	P		
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
PANORAMIC.

SUDOKU

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3	9	1	4	7	2	5	8	6
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6	5	9	7	4	8	2	3	1
7	3	2	1	9	5	8	6	4
1	8	5	9	6	7	4	2	3
9	7	4	2	1	3	6	5	8
2	6	3	5	8	4	9	1	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
G, Ga, Nag, Pang, Aping, Pacing, Carping.

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 + 6 + 2 + 2 = 12
Medium
8 – 7 + 9 x 4 = 40
Hard
5 + 6 – 6 – 2 = 3

LOOP

KAKURO

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